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## **DES SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

(Phoenix, July 15, 2001) A public hearing regarding the proposed state plans for the administration of the Department of Economic Security Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Community Services Block Grants program has been scheduled for August 15, 2001. The hearing will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Arizona State Capitol Complex, 1700 W. Jefferson, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is designed to assist eligible households with heating and cooling their homes. Eligibility is based upon income, energy burden, household size, and geographical region. This program serves as an emergency program to alleviate crisis situations.

The DES Community Service Block Grant program funds Community Action Agencies to provide services to low income individuals in the areas of employment, housing, food, nutrition, education, and emergency assistance, and to coordinate other programs serving low-income individuals. Copies of the state plan may be requested by calling (602) 542-6000 in Phoenix, or toll free at 1-800-582-5706. Copies will be available at the hearing.

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